

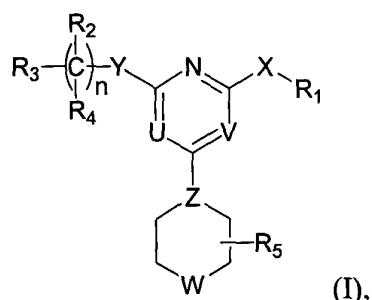
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

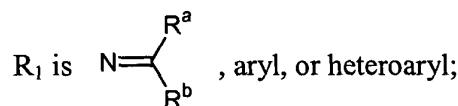
Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 through 37 are Cancelled.

38. (Original) A method for treating an interleukin-12 overproduction-related disorder, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the compound of formula (I):



wherein



each of R_2 and R_4 , independently, is R^c , halogen, nitro, cyano, isothionitro, SR^c , or OR^c ; or R_2 and R_4 , taken together, is carbonyl.

R_3 is R^c , alkenyl, alkynyl, OR^c , $OC(O)R^c$, SO_2R^c , $S(O)R^c$, $S(O_2)NR^cR^d$, SR^c , NR^cR^d , NR^cCOR^d , $NR^cC(O)OR^d$, $NR^cC(O)NR^cR^d$, $NR^cSO_2R^d$, COR^c , $C(O)OR^c$, or $C(O)NR^cR^d$;

R_5 is H or alkyl;

n is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;

X is O, S, $S(O)$, $S(O_2)$, or NR^c ;

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Y is a covalent bond, CH₂, C(O), C=N-R^c, C=N-OR^c, C=N-SR^c, O, S, S(O), S(O₂), or NR^c;

Z is N or CH;

one of U and V is N, and the other is CR^c; and

W is O, S, S(O), S(O₂), NR^c, or NC(O)R^c;

in which each of R^a and R^b, independently, is H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl; and each of R^c and R^d, independently, is H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cyclyl, heterocyclyl, or alkylcarbonyl.

39. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein the disorder is rheumatoid arthritis, sepsis, Crohn's disease, multiple sclerosis, psoriasis, or insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus.